Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Rudy and Loretta Merkel began the celebration of life together as husband and wife in Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-Nine; and,

WHEREAS, Their marriage has spanned half a century of service and devotion to their family, friends and neighbors; and,

WHEREAS, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Rudy and Loretta Merkel have helped make South Dakota a great place to live and work; and,

WHEREAS, On July 2 in Bowdle at the Legion Hall, there will be an occasion of great joy and celebration as friends and loved ones gather to honor Rudy and Loretta; and,

WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognize and commemorate the memorable milestones in the lives of the State's outstanding citizens:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 2, 1989, as

RUDY AND LORETTA MERKEL DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Third Day of June, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE